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REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 1, and 3-12 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Specification

The Examiner did not enter the Substitute Specification filed on October 12, 2010. Applicants hereby withdraw the Substitute Specification without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Objections

The status identifiers of claims 6-12 have been corrected to overcome the objection. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to set forth introducing the particulate material, with converging the particulate material and increasing the density of the particulate material by guides for introducing particulate material on the first principal surface and the second

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principal surface of the substrate. As a result, applicants have amended the claim to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph by incorporating the language noted by the Examiner as being supported by the Specification as originally filed. Further, amended claim 1 avoids using the term "its", and therefore the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph should be overcome.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Suh et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,280,580. Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and for the following reasons.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to set forth converging the particulate material and increasing the density of the particulate material by guides for introducing particulate material on the first principal surface and the second principal surface of the substrate. This provides high film formation speed and efficient production of thin films.

Suh is relied upon for disclosing the claimed exposing, introducing and converging of the material on the first and second principal surfaces, however Suh does not disclose converging the particulate material and increasing the density of the particulate material by guides for introducing particulate material on the first and second principal surfaces of the substrate, as set forth in amended claim. Accordingly, Suh does not anticipate or render the obvious the invention as claimed. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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